Certificate in Journalism

This undergraduate Certificate is designed for students who are interested in journalism but want to major in another subject at IUPUI. The Certificate offers professional training in journalism and mass communication. In addition to developing skills in writing, reporting, storytelling and editing; visual communication; and new communications technology, students gain research techniques, analytical thinking, technical know-how, teamwork and versatility. These are exactly the skills that today's employers are looking for.

The Certificate curriculum prepares students to be effective, ethical communicators regardless of the profession they choose. They learn to analyze and explain information to a wide variety of audiences via many kinds of ever-changing media. Students might pursue careers such as reporting, editing, photography or social media management, or decide to seek a job in public relations, government, education, advertising, business, international relations, law, social services or a related field.

Courses provide hands-on experience in “doing” journalism—through classwork, internships or other endeavors, students get to practice what they learn, adding to their skill sets, resumes and portfolios.

Admission to the Certificate program in Journalism requires the following:
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- Completion of 15 credit hours

The Certificate program in Journalism requires satisfactory completion of the following:

- Completion of a total of 25 credit hours, with a minimum grade of C in each course.
- Contact both the Journalism and Public Relations Academic Advisor and the School of Liberal Arts Student Affairs office, located in CA 401, to complete the necessary paperwork to officially declare the certificate.

Core Requirements (16 credits)

- J 110 Foundations of Journalism and Mass Communications
- J 200 Reporting, Writing, and Editing I (P: ENG-W 131)
- J 210 Visual Communication
- J 300 Communications Law (P: Sophomore standing)
- J 410 Media as Social Institutions (capstone) (P: J 300 & Junior standing or above)
- J 492 Media Internship (P: By permission) (1 credit)

Area Core Requirements (9 credits)

- J 341 Newspaper Reporting (P: J 200 & J 210)
- J 351 Newspaper Editing (P: J 200 & 210)
- Choose one specialty course from the following:
  - J 343 Broadcast News (P: J 200 & J 210)
  - J 344 Photojournalism Reporting (P: J 200 & J 210)
  - J 463 Graphic Design I (P: J 200 & J 210)

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